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LEARN ANYTHING AT SCHOOL TODAY?

The Soviet Union has cancelled its exchange programme with the University of Toronto because Claude Bissell would not fire a Soviet scientist defector.

Dr. Dotsenko was sent to the University of Alberta three years ago on a cultural exchange programme. He had instructions from the KGB to penetrate the Western scientific community. Dr. Dotsenko publicly revealed his dealings with secret police after he was in Canada, and has since been granted landed immigrant status by Canada.

He ended up at the U. of T. after being forced to leave the University of Alberta as a result of leftwing agitation.

What conclusions can one draw from such events? A "realist" would appraise the situation in terms of the global struggle for power between East and West, and the methods used for it. It would appear that the

Russians botched one and are attempting a clumsy job of punishing their agent for being subverted by Western culture.

But I know that most people think of it in those terms, because most regard themselves as "liberal" and "progressively minded".

Every good liberal knows the Russians don't do that anymore. Why, the Russians are nice people who just want to live life their own way. No struggle for power for them — oh no, just peace, brotherhood and happiness.

It was once said that "the ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly, is to fill the world with fools". North America is the most shielded area of the world, and we have more than our quota of people who need a brush with unpleasant realities.

These upholstered seats in the Common Room sure are comfortable, aren't they?



— Peter Smith

Although the fire which devastated the bird sanctuary opposite Erindale College occurred over the Christmas holidays, help has swiftly been organized.

Roy Ivor, the 91-year-old operator of the sanctuary was hospitalized, but has recently been released.

What remains now is the restoration of the sanctuary where Roy Ivor spent the last fifty

years.

Aid has been offered to this respected researcher from many areas of the community.

Doug Leeies has committed SAGE to organizing a drive to rebuild the sanctuary. Also involved in the campaign are John Henry Hazelwood and John Kanakos.

Facilities at the college have been made available for the housing of the surviving birds.

UP AND COMING

Tuesday, January 12

Library Council meeting in Room 225A at 9.00.

The Computer Committee also has a meeting in NP-1 at 10.00.

Wednesday, January 13

Cineclub Erindale is presenting the classic King Kong by Merian Cooper. The time is 2:00 p.m. in Room 292.

Friday, January 15

The Performing Arts Committee presents two plays this evening, Heywood's THE FOUR PP, and Townley's FIRST SHEPHERD'S PLAY. These plays will be put on by a drama group from the St. George Campus called the Poculi Ludique Societas. The performance begins this evening in Room 292 at 8.

Wednesday, January 20

Cineclub Erindale presents the Canadian film MEMORANDUM by Donald Brittain and John Spotton in Room 292 at 2.

The History Department presents a public lecture this afternoon by Prof. J.D. Cockcroft entitled "Cuba: Creating the New Society." The place 292, the time 3.00 p.m.

THIS IS THE LAST DAY FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE 2ND INSTALLMENT OF YOUR FEES.

Wednesday, January 20

Today begins a four day run of AN EVENING OF SHORT PLAYS presented by the Drama 200 group at Erindale. Performances run from Wednesday until Saturday beginning at 8:30 in Room 292 and it is Free.

Nominations are now open for the Restructuring Committee of Erindale College. Nominations close on January 22. Nomination forms are available in the Library, the Registrar's Office and the S.A.G.E. Office. Nominations should be returned to the Registrar's Office.

Quote

A State which dwarfs its men, in order that they may be more docile instruments in its hands even for beneficial purposes — will find that with small men no great thing can really be accomplished.

— John Stuart Mill

The Canadian Way

by Paul Trueman

Read any good books, lately? This particular book, while not coming under my personal list of "good" books, is at least very useful. Why? Because in the process of attacking the Trudeau regime, Mr. Broadbent enables one to gain insight into the mind of a social democrat.

If one already happens to be a social democrat, the book at least provides many ready-made arguments, on such matters as industrial democracy, inflation, the Welfare State, and the "politics of equality".

But the arguments presented are not sufficient to convince the unbeliever who has not yet seen the light, and scarcely necessary for those already converted. So what is the purpose of the book?

Well, boys and girls, to find a motive we have to look at the shameless world of politics. And by George, look what there is to find — Ed Broadbent is running for the leadership of the NDP.

Being able to say that one has written a book helps your prestige. And it opens another channel of communication to the party faithful to get one's views across. And the revenues from the book might help a little in paying the expenses of politicking.

You got a pretty slick piece of campaign literature there, Mr. Broadbent.

J. Edward Broadbent, *The Liberal Rip-Off, Trudeauism vs The Politics of Equality* (Toronto, New Press, 1970)

CAN IT!

The students of Erindale College have continually condemned the appearance and atmosphere of the Junior Common Room. The administration rightly feels that if the students repeatedly leave the room in its present state they must have little regard for their own comfort and that of their fellow students.

We, as members of the student body, know that this is not true. In theory, all students are in support of a cleaner environment.

This week of January 11 to 15, we have the opportunity to actively put into practice what we preach. We are therefore appealing to you, the student body, to help us correct the pathetic situation that presently exists. Help us fight pollution instead of creating it.

Buy it, eat it, crunch it up, but please when you've finished, CAN IT!

— released by Pollution Probe Erindale

University is...

Waiting about an hour for the computer to do the calculations in micro-seconds.

— Myer Slutsky

CONGRATULATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to Wendi Arntfield on winning "name the dog" contest. The name of the Dog is Gilhooley. We won't say anymore.

ECOLOGY and ECONOMICS

Ecology. Sure is a nice word, isn't it? Just sort of rolls off the tongue and hangs in the air waiting for its accustomed applause — wonder how many politicians pay their speechwriters extra every time "ecology" gets stuck into a speech; a real five dollar word, that.

But it appears that there is one group in society who does not worship this new god ECOLOGY (what do you think the odds are that they're against Motherhood and for sin, as well). Who are these terrible people? Why they're (say it softly, tovarishch, the walls have ears), "vested interests".

These vested interests want to cut down trees in Quetico Park and flood river basins by building hydro dams and no end of nasty things.

Disgusting, isn't it? Thank God we have our concerned students ready to uncover pollution in its many forms and fight these sinister capitalists!

Everything would be keen if it weren't for another group of men whose concern is also great. You see, if there is no lumbering up in Quetico, 300 men will lose their jobs. And if Mississauga Road isn't widened, the development of Erin Mills will not be so definite, and the jobs that might have been will not come about.

People's lives depend on industry and development giving them jobs so that they can live in whatever dignity and honour is their due. Being a friend of birds and trees is all very nice. But never lose sight of the consequences of the changes you hope to bring about.

Damn the economics, full speed ahead is one approach to the environmental crisis.

But its not that simple. It never is.

—The Editor

VACANCIES HASTIE HOUSE — Any female student interested in on-campus accommodations please apply to Room 213, immediately.

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The paper this week is the result of a late night phone call by good ol' Peter Smith. Altogether too much of the writing was by Paul Trueman, and the typing is the result of the delicious Sherry Ritz. Special thanks go to John Kanakos who purchased so much space.

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A Norm Wood Original!

REBUTTAL

Dear Sir,

In his article, "U.S. Legacy of Violence", Mr. Rick Butt seems to suffer from a malady that is endemic to large numbers of Americans and non-Americans. I suppose that one might call this complaint the Violence-Chromosome Complex. It is the belief that somehow there is programmed into the American character, a tendency towards violent behaviour that is unique in the Western World. Mr. Butt mentions, "The American legacy of political violence (that) points to the violent nature of the American Character and their (sic) constant emphasis on aggressiveness..."

It is difficult to deal with such sweeping visions of history but one ought to remember that if it is in the "American Character" to be violent and aggressive, one must find this trait in the great majority of Americans or else refrain from citing the so-called Character of America. (It is a bit embarrassing to have to point this out to a writer for a university-based newspaper.) By the same token, if violence and aggressive behaviour can be found in other peoples (eg. Western Europeans, many of whom have a centuries old tradition of organized

blood-lettings called "war"), then perhaps one ought to refer to a propensity towards violence among larger groups of people than Americans (I must admit that I have never met a violent American, Canadian, or Western European).

Other questions are also raised by Mr. Butt's argument. For example, precisely when does an immigrant become an "American" and thereby share in the national Character and take in the Violence-Chromosome? Is it when the immigrant inter-marries with older Americans? Instead of a chromosome is it, perhaps, some hideous bacillus that causes the violent behaviour, some strain that can live only within the borders of the United States (and when Hawaii became a state, did this bacillus swim the Pacific)? Do Americans who live abroad and marry the inhabitants of other countries infect their spouses? What about children of Americans who live in Canada? Do "the clean air and water and unspoiled countryside" (Toronto?) to which Mr. Butt refers, serve as an environmental anti-biotic to destroy the bacillus?

But, to be fair, Mr. Butt does also refer to non-material causes for American violence. This is the malaise in the American

Spirit that comes from the "mistake of basing... political institutions on a revolutionary tradition". Of course, by this logic there should be certain violent features of English, French, Soviet, Chinese, and Cuban everyday life that are functionally equivalent to the American variety. Indeed, I wonder whether there may not have been a revolution in Canadian history that has slipped into the national unconscious, since Professor McNaught of the Department of History, writing in the *Star* at the time of the LaPorte murder, pointed out a certain strain of Canadian violence that is not often commented on in discussions of the "Canadian Character". When one considers the vast amounts of violence in human history, one is led by Mr. Butt's logic, to imagine the sin of Adam and Eve to have been Revolutionary activity!

As to the more general questions of American aggressiveness, one can only suggest to Mr. Butt that this is a feature common to the history of world powers — apart from the other question of what he means by "aggression". Smaller and weaker countries have, for good reason, found world powers to be aggressive. Persia, Rome, Japan, nineteenth-century Britain; all might be called

aggressive, but not because of a simple-minded theory of national character. Their aggressiveness is often related to the wealth of their national resources, the particular nature of what they consider as their national interests, the weakness of their neighbours, the presence or absence of major, equally aggressive rivals, etc.

Nor is there any particularly American "religion of technology". Technology was not of American origin, and I have yet to meet anyone of European or Canadian "character" who is beyond the "worship" so to speak, of technology merely because of national origin. In Canada, Mr. Butt seems to think, one is free from this religion (presumably Canadians worship only the fresh air, countryside, and spirits of the rivers, lakes, and streams). This is a fantastic claim. (It ought to be pointed out that there is nothing wrong with technology as such.)

I am happy to see that Mr. Butt opposes the Viet Nam war. He claims that the American character seeks to impose itself on that country, but what does he make of the millions of inhabitants of the U.S. who oppose that war? Would he call it un-American of them? I assume he is prepared to share Canada's

wealth (the fourth highest standard of living in the world — I guess this means he does not see the Viet Nam war as being an effort of the Capitalist West to keep the Third World in its place). The N.L.F. appears to have his sympathy, since they are resisting the American way of life. I am bothered by only one thing: does Mr. Butt believe that the N.L.F. should give up its attempt to revolutionize, through violence, its country? If he believes that revolutionary genesis leads to a violent and aggressive future, perhaps he might share his insight with the followers of Ho Chi Minh and Mao Tse Tung. Perhaps they would do better to work within the system (with Thieu and Chiang setting the rules) to bring about the change they desire. He might suggest they improve the quality of their air, countryside and water.

Sincerely,
T.H. Adamowski
English

Contrary to the beliefs held by various Uni 100 types, articles are not censored or altered in meaning. Though Mr. Butt's article seemed rather disagreeable, it was well written (style-wise) and voiced an opinion which appears to be held by many people. Bravo, Professor, for an excellent re-Butt-all!

RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The Restructuring Committee will consider possible changes in the governing structure of the college.

EACH ESTATE WILL BE REPRESENTED AS FOLLOWS..

Students - 8 representatives

Faculty - 8 representatives

Academic Administration - 4 representatives

Support Staff - 4 representatives

Nominations for each estate are now open.

Ballots are available in the Registrar's Office,
S.A.G.E. and the Library.

GET INVOLVED!

S.A.G.E. CONTEST #2 "DESIGN AN EMBLEM"

SAGE is looking for a college emblem that can be reproduced as a sticker. This one is a toughie since there are two (count them 2) restrictions.

a) The Maximum number of colours including the background is to be three.

b) The emblem must be based on our college's tradition. The prize will be the same as that for contest number 1.

**Return entries to the S.A.G.E. office
by 5 p.m. Jan. 29 .**

In the tradition of Cartier, Champlain and other explorers and cartographers.

S.A.G.E. OFFERS CONTEST #1!

**NAME THE VARIOUS ROADS AND EDIFICES
INDICATED BELOW ...**

The prize (tentative) is 2 tickets to the play "*The Me Nobody Knows*" Names should have a theme eg. Faculty. Same deadline as contest no. 2.



Are you smoking more now but enjoying it less?



Don't you get invited to
the right parties anymore?

Do the dealers avoid
you on the streets?

Do the narcs laugh when
they mention your name?

If so, smoke Acapulco Golds.
the jays that really turn you on
Get them at your local drugstore

Another fine product from
Northern Dirigible and Condom Corp.